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THE DEMING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Within the next few days a committee from the Deming Chamber of Commerce will call on all citizens not now members of that organization. It is imperative that before the next annual meeting the membership shall have been raised to at least 200, and it is necessary that every citizen take interest enough in the civic body to make this possible. The dues are inconsequential, but the spirit of service, signified by the formal connection, is more valuable than can be expressed in terms of dollars and cents.

It is a significant fact that there are fewer members this year than last, although the city has at least thousand more of population. The work of the chamber, fortunately, has not been neglected on this account, but it must be admitted that the work is being done under a handicap which must be removed, if progress in the future is to be made. Either the work will be advanced or it will be impeded; it cannot stand still. Every shoulder should be at the wheel.

Mimbres Valley dwellers know of the work of the chamber of commerce, in fact, most of them are here because of the activity of this body or the local press working in harmony with it. For this reason a defense of the publicity idea is out of place here, so obvious is the necessity. Occasionally a person is found so far gone in error that he fails to appreciate the work which is being done for him and his community. Generally such a one is of the type of parasite which, like the leech, sucks the blood of the community. The chamber of commerce control means to get every citizen in and interested, thereby eliminating the "knockers." To understand the work is to approve of it.

One thing is absolutely necessary, that others than those now directing the activities of the chamber shall become interested. You can't boost by proxy, any more than religion and politics can safely be delegated to a selected few. The present board of directors has done all that it possibly could do, but it can accomplish little without the counsel and assistance of all. There will be a new management next November, and it is not too soon for those who may find themselves favored by election to begin the study of the problems confronting this community.

The Graphic could point out a dozen methods which are approved by the directors and of which the Graphic doesn't approve. But that is no reason why the work of "cornering" prosperity should cease. Every one cannot be pleased, and it is up to the rank and file to stand squarely behind the board in all measures it may deem suitable after due deliberation. If efforts have been misdirected or funds misspent, there is reason for renewed activity rather than antagonism, or the apathy of dry-rot.

"Boost or bust."

"Dig in or dig out."

AMERICA WILL PROFIT BY WAR

While every nation must bear a share of the burden of a general European war, there is no reason why Americans should not take advantage of the embargo to "cinch" the markets of the world, South American in particular. There will be a great demand for American foodstuffs and staple classes of manufactured goods. During the Civil War England was able to sweep the American flag from the seas, and there is now the opportunity to return the compliment. Of course the English navy will be able to hold open the trade routes for her merchantmen, but the drain of war will tell, and the chances to be taken of capture will force the nations involved in the trouble to have their merchantmen placed under American register.

The war will squander billions of capital and will cost many thousands of lives. Economic distress will follow in Europe and more or less European capital will be withdrawn from American investments. Good prices for farm products and for manufactured goods will, however, cause intense activity to the advantage of American enterprises.

Economists have declared that the cost of living will rise rapidly, here as well as in Europe, on account of the demand for necessities. If this be true an industrial readjustment is due. The financial readjustment, caused by the withdrawal of gold, is now under way, and it seems probable that the new basis will be found without seriously disturbing our fiscal system.

MUST SECURE MARKETS FOR PRODUCTS

The farmers of the Mimbres Valley are going in for hogs and silos; feeding their crops on the ground, marketing the fat stock, and realizing a double profit. There are thousands of hogs in the Mimbres Valley with but only a local market. Work on the organization of markets for produce of all kinds must soon be taken up by either the Deming Chamber of Commerce or The Mimbres Valley Farmers' Association. Our local market is good, but it will not continue to absorb the swiftly increasing production. At the present time the farmers, as well as the merchants, have made little attempt to secure supremacy in the adjacent mining regions of Grant and Sierra counties. The consummation of this worthy ambition will mean a continued prosperity for the city and valley. Fortunately distant markets need not worry us for many years to come.

ANOTHER RAILROAD FOR DEMING

Pacification of Mexico is again held out as a possibility, through the complete surrender of the Carranza government. Villa, Carranza and Zapata are said to have found a basis for agreement. Peace in Mexico means that sooner or later Deming will have a railroad through Columbus to Acon, opening up a great agricultural and mining region.

Prepare to do some winter farming this year.

Every citizen of Deming should be a member of the chamber of commerce.

The number of persons seeking houses and apartments shows that the coming fall and winter seasons in Deming are going to be very busy.

The Titanic struggle brewing in Europe has made the trouble in Mexico look like a bar-room quarrel.

A system of good roads radiating from Deming will bring a great deal of trade here which is going elsewhere. The work of road building is of tremendous importance to the business interests of this city.

More rain last month than the average for a whole year. This in the midst of the growing season has made crop prospects in the Mimbres Valley look large. When the stockmen and farmers smile, the merchants can "giggle" and lay in larger stocks of goods.

The right to increase freight rates to a limited extent in a prescribed region of the East, has granted some relief to the railroads, and will have the effect of allowing them to meet their obligations and extend their credits to allow of extensions and improvements. The country at large will benefit through the prosperity of the common carriers.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Chicago—The railway managers of all the Western roads affected by the threatened strike have accepted the terms of the men and the strike of 55,000 railroad engineers and firemen has been averted.

The failure of Carranza and the peace delegation to president Carranza to agree on the terms of transferring the national government into "Constitutionalist" hands will result soon in another open breach between Villa and Carranza, according to even the most optimistic opinions of persons who reached El Paso Thursday from the interior.

It was stated by the arrivals that General Felipe Angeles, Villa's artillery chief, is reorganizing the army into proportionate units of infantry, cavalry and artillery. This is the first time that any perfect organization of rebel troops along strictly modern lines has been attempted.

London—Great Britain declared war on Germany Tuesday.

The momentous decision of the British government, for which the whole world had been waiting, came before the expiration of the time limit set by Great Britain in her ultimatum to Germany demanding a satisfactory reply on the subject of Belgian neutrality.

Germany's reply was the summary rejection of the request that Belgian neutrality should be respected.

The British ambassador at Berlin thereupon received his passports and the British government notified Germany that a state of war existed between the two countries.

Washington—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president of the United States, lies at the point of death.

Four months of almost unbroken illness, complications of nervous ailments and Bright's disease have capped the vitality of the first lady of the land. The end is regarded as a matter of days, perhaps hours. Her three daughters are at her bedside and relatives have been summoned. Physicians have been in consultation for days, but it was admitted at the White House that hope for her recovery had almost vanished.

Mexico City—Peace for Mexico City at least now seems a certainty. The council of war, consisting of 112 generals, decided Wednesday night upon the unconditional surrender of the city to the Constitutionalists.

Joplin, Mo.—Twenty-five persons were killed and twenty-five injured, six of them fatally, when a passenger train on the Kansas City Southern railway and a motor car met in a head-on collision ten miles south of here Wednesday night. A relief train carrying physicians and nurses brought the injured to Joplin.

London—A naval action was in progress in the North sea according to the Evening Standard, which adds that this news was confirmed by a high authority, who, however, said the action was not of a decisive importance.

London—A bill introduced in the house of commons by the home secretary, Reginald McKenna, to restrain the movement of undesirable aliens with the object of facilitating the removal of spies, was passed through all stages.

The home secretary announced that twenty-one spies had been arrested in the British Isles in the last twenty-four hours, chiefly in the naval centers.

Brussels—(Via London)—French troops are reported to have entered the province of Salm, a frontier province of Belgium, and to have joined the Belgian army.

Brussels—(Via London)—The Germans, completely repulsed, have been unable to renew their attack on Liege.

The Hague—Martial law has been declared in all parts of Holland. It is officially announced that up to the present time the Germans have not violated the Dutch frontier.

London—Premier Asquith, in the house of commons, after giving a summary of the war news already published, said that the Belgian government had invited the cooperation of the provincial governors not to regard the movements of the French troops as a violation of the frontier.

Brussels—(Via London)—The newspaper La Peuple says that an early landing of British troops in Belgium is expected.

Washington—The state department called Ambassador Page to draw upon American bankers for \$200,000 with which to aid needy Americans. The money was placed at the disposal of this government by the Bankers' Trust company of New York.

Paris—Two regiments of German Uhlans have been destroyed by the Belgian army, according to an official announcement given out by the French war office.

Brussels—(Via London)—The Belgian war office announced that fierce fighting had occurred in the environs of Liege and that so far as the Belgians were concerned the situation is excellent.

"The Germans," the announcement says, "were driven back by a heroic attack made by a Belgian brigade which already had earned for itself the highest honors. No German who passed the fort survived."

Brussels—(Via London)—People assert that in the fighting between Germans and Belgians near Vise a platoon of Prussian cavalry was almost annihilated by the fire of the Belgians from a building on the bank of the river.

The Prussians in revenge, the newspaper says, fired on civilians. At Fumelle, near Agnetean, a Belgian force surprised a body of Prussians and killed twenty out of ten officers and eighty men. The Belgian losses were two officers killed and ten men wounded.

Brussels—(Via London)—German forces are reported to have been checked by the line of forts in the province of Liege. The German troops attempted to cross the river Meuse on a pontoon bridge but a sharp broadside by the batteries destroyed the bridge as soon as it was completed. Later the invaders succeeded in crossing the river near Mame-tricht.

Warsaw—(Via London)—Russian frontier patrols driving the enemy's cavalry before them, have crossed the frontier at Zyk Blah, penetrating ten miles into Germany.

Berlin—(Via London)—German warships have destroyed some fortified towns and places for the embarkation of French troops on the coast of Algeria.

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Combined Statement of the Deming National Bank and the First State Bank Deming, New Mexico, at the close of business, June 30th, 1914

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$319,185.29
Banking House Site	3,800.00
Furniture and Fixtures	7,839.39
United States Bonds	25,000.00
Other Bonds and Securities	7,839.83
Cash on Hand	\$24,777.38
Cash in Banks	133,345.79
Total Cash and Sight Exchange	158,123.15
Total Resources	\$521,384.46
LIABILITIES	
Capital and Surplus	\$80,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,162.08
Circulation	25,000.00
Bills Payable	10,000.00
Deposits	397,222.38
Total Liabilities	\$521,384.46

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